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Sir:

In reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed June 15, 2001, Applicant submits herewith a Declaration under 37 CFR 1.63 and the required fee.

It is believed that the submission of the Declaration and fee are requirements for an application filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b) are met.

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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing. A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
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